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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Ross, et al.

Serial No.: 09/134,419 Group Art Unit: 1623

Filed: August 14, 1998 Examiner: H. Owens, Jr.

For: **HETEROCYCLIC ESTERS OR AMIDES FOR VISION AND MEMORY DISORDERS**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Official Action dated March 13, 2001. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 13, 2001. Accordingly, a three-month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to September 13, 2001. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the claims as indicated in the "mark-up" copy found in Appendix 1 of this Response and Amendment. A "clean" copy of the amended claims, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, is found in Appendix 2 of this Response and Amendment. These amendments will place the application in condition for allowance or for appeal.